



MESSAGE REVIEW

Like it or not, the topic of money is a subject that touches every single one of us. It flows into our lives and eventually flows right back out. But as it flows but, whether through spending, giving, saving, or investing, it does something to our hearts. What we do with our money says a lot about our hearts, and our hearts are Jesus' primary concern.

WARM UP QUESTION

What expenditure in your life do you regret most?

1 **Read Luke 12:13-15.** What is the person in verse 13 so concerned with? What does Jesus' response indicate about His primary concern for the person? Where might you miss spotting greed in your own life – where do you “compare up” or find yourself discontented?

2 **Read Luke 12:16-21.** Who and what is the man in Jesus' illustration primarily concerned with (note: count all the I's and my's in vv. 17-19)? Is Jesus saying it's bad to store up earthly wealth? How is it opposed to a rich relationship with God (v. 21)?

3 **Read Luke 12:22-31.** How are worry and greed related? What is Jesus saying with the illustration of ravens and lilies? What does worry accomplish?

4 How do you mesh the fact that hard things do happen to followers of Jesus – divorce, disease, bankruptcy – with the truth Jesus speaks in these verses? What does worry say about our faith and who or what we worship?

5 **Read Luke 12:32-34.** How can obeying verse 33 serve as an antidote to greed? Where would your finances say your treasure is and therefore your heart's desires? What one step do you feel God is asking you to make in the way you handle or view money?

RESPOND

What have you learned about God from His Word? How is He asking you to apply it to your life? When will you apply it?

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